



When Preparedness meets Reality: Readiness, Response, Recovery

Date: March 7, 2011, pre-conference

March 8-10, 2011, conference

Where: Harrah's Casino Resort, Tunica, MS



Monday, March 7, 2011: Pre-Conference Training - Registration 7:30 a.m.

(Homeland Security Certificate Training)

☐ Emergency Responders and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing *(Limited to 25 per class)* 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This course is designed to provide deaf and hard of hearing (including deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and other individuals with hearing loss) and emergency responders with the basic skills they need to communicate with each other in the event of an emergency such as a terrorist attack or natural or biological disaster. The course will also instruct participants how to respond to a variety of emergency situations.

☐ Senior Officials Workshop for All Hazard Preparedness *(Limited to 50 per class)* 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Senior Officials Workshop is for local-jurisdiction elected and appointed senior officials. Its purpose is to provide a forum to discuss strategic- and executive-level issues related to disaster preparedness, share proven strategies and best practices, and enhance coordination among officials responsible for emergency response.

☐ Rail Car Incident Response *(Limited to 50 per class)* 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This course is designed to increase knowledge of first responders in recognizing and characterizing the different types of rail cars, potential leaks, and course of action to be taken based on the initial site assessment. It will increase the participants' knowledge of safety and hazardous conditions that may exist at the scene, and will allow them to become familiar with safe practices adopted by the railroad industry.

Tuesday, March 8, 2011: Registration 7:00 a.m.

☐ General Sessions 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

These sessions provide attendees with survivor accounts of the 1995 Northridge Earthquake. Experts will discuss resources for Rural Domestic Preparedness and Preparing for the Needs of Children during Disasters. There will be an extended session covering Survival Stress – Emotional and Physical Responses.

Wednesday, March 9, 2011: Registration 7:30 a.m. *(Homeland Security Certificate Training-Pick 8 hours total)*

☐ Command and Response for All Hazards 8 hours 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This course provides the responder with an overview of pre-incident planning and response plan development, domestic and international terrorism; chemical, biological, radiological and explosive agents, and materials associated with weapons of mass destruction. *(Limited to 50 per class)*

☐ Agent Characteristics & Toxicity – First Responder Treatment 4 hours 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This session describes the potential hazards of nerve and blister agents, identification of signs and symptoms of exposure, how the chemical works and initial first aid treatment for victims. *(Limited to 50 per class)*

☐ Soft Target Awareness 4 hours 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This program provides facility managers, supervisors, and security/safety personnel with a venue to receive and share baseline terrorism awareness, prevention and protection information and is intended to enhance individual and organizational awareness. *(Limited to 50 per class)*

☐ Crisis Leadership and Decision Making for Officials 4 hours 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This seminar uses case studies of major incidents to examine the dynamics of crisis leadership and decision making from a leader's perspective. The political aspects of major incidents are also identified, including inter-organizational conflict, blame and media relations. *(Limited to 40 per class)*

☐ Agent Characteristics & Toxicity – First Responder Treatment 4 hours 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This is a repeat of the morning session *(Limited to 50 per class)*

☐ Soft Target Awareness 4 hours 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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☐ Crisis Leadership and Decision Making for Officials 4 hours 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This is a repeat of the morning session *(Limited to 40 per class)*

Thursday, March 10, 2011: Registration 7:00 a.m.

☐ General Sessions 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

These sessions provide attendees with first person accounts of the impact, response and recovery of three real world disasters: an AMTRAK Train Derailment; the Oklahoma City bombing and the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill. Participants will also enjoy a fun review of the National Incident Management System.



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Registration Deadline: February 15, 2011

Conference Objective: Our goal for this conference is to increase the knowledge of those who will be responding during disasters to help them understand the necessity of comprehensive emergency preparedness planning and program development for all hazards with regards to readiness, response, and recovery. This conference will not only provide real life experiences during disasters, but will also provide certificate training in conjunction with the Office of Homeland Security.

Who should attend: State and local governmental agencies; Emergency Management Directors; Public Health Officials; Hospital/Medical Professionals; EMS/Fire/Law enforcement Representatives; Volunteer Organizations

Choose one of the four easy ways to register

1. To register on-line for the March 7-10, 2011, "When Preparedness Meets Reality" Program www.mhafoundation.org. You will need a login and password in order to register for this meeting. If you would like to change or create your password, you will need to click on *reset your password* and it will walk you through the log-in process. Your login will always be your email address. If for some reason you do not receive a return email to allow you to login, please contact *your* IT person and have them check your SPAM folder. If you have any questions or problems with your password, contact Diane Clift at 601-368-3217 or email dclift@mhanet.org
2. Mail the completed form to Candy Brown, MHA Education, P.O. Box 3087, Madison, MS 39130-3087
3. Fax completed form to Candy Brown at (601) 368-3200 or 3329
4. Scan completed form to Candy Brown at btadmin@mhanet.org

Name of Attendee: _____

Organization: _____

Physical/Delivery Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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